

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION



Serving the entire Lehigh Valley since 1900

Healing broken lives is like baking a very complicated cake. You need exactly the right ingredients. You must mix them in a very specific order. Then, you have to allow time for them to bake at the proper temperature.

Miss a step or omit a vital ingredient and you're risking disaster.

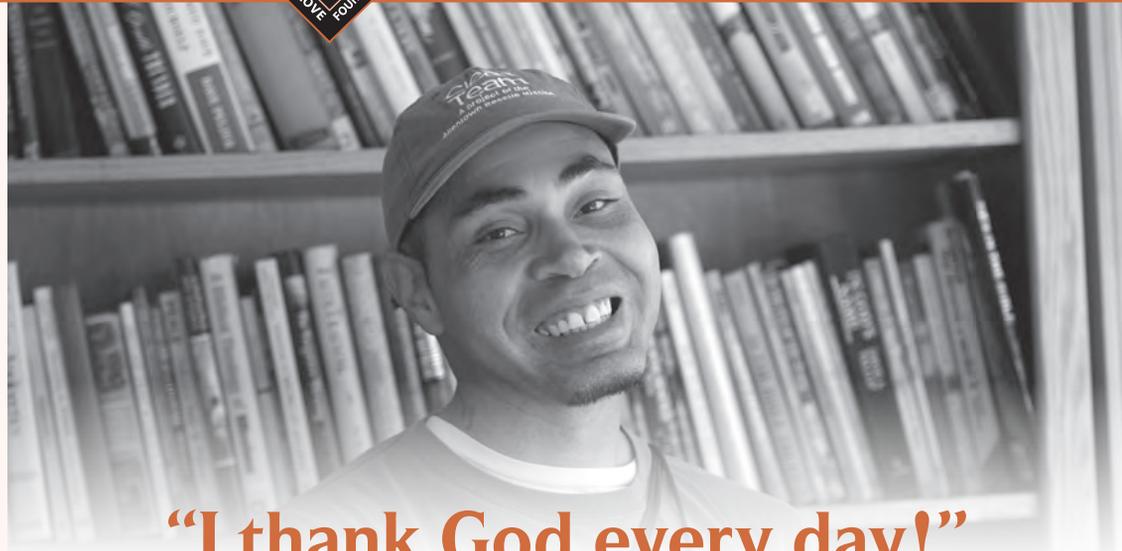
Here at the Mission, we're not just healing lives: we're healing minds and bodies destroyed by alcohol, addiction and neglect. We're restoring souls wounded by abuse and abandonment. The ingredients are not complicated: food, shelter, time, encouragement, counseling, care and a huge helping of God's love.

But there are no short cuts, no substitutions.

This Thanksgiving season, many broken bodies and souls will come here to the Mission. Whether you volunteer your time, take part in a special event, donate food or send a gift, you play a vital role in making them whole again.

Let the healing begin!

Tom Gibson, President  
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## "I thank God every day!"

David knows all about overcoming obstacles and limitations. You see, he was the assistant director of a drug treatment program here in Allentown.

He spent three years in that program dealing with his own addictions and depression and then went to work for the organization that had given him a new life. But, as David describes it, "there were problems." And soon, he was out on the streets. He looked for work but couldn't find a job. When all his funds ran out, a friend was able to put him up for a couple of days.

That friend also suggested that David look into our programs here at the Mission. His first stop was our Gateway Center emergency shelter. "I felt hopeless and lost," David says. "I needed to get closer to God."

David soon joined our 8-week Christian Living Program, and found

just what he was looking for. In addition to full days of classes and group sessions in Life Skills Education, students attend morning devotions, evening chapel and daily Bible study groups. They also get help with resume writing, basic computer skills, and interview techniques...tools that will help them find and keep a job.

David graduated from our Christian Living Program, moved into our transitional housing and went to work on the Clean Team while he looked for a full-time job and a place to live. **"With everything I've been through, God's never given up on me!"** he says with a smile.

"Before, I never gave full power to God. Today, I face my struggles. I have been sober for four years, and I have my own place. I thank God for the Mission's help and support!"

*"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry."* Psalm 146: 7

This season, thank you for providing:

- 9,552 meals
- 7,630 nights of shelter

Your gifts are the fuel that enables us to bring hope and help to hungry, homeless neighbors.

## The Prince and the Pauper

A benefit show for the Allentown Rescue Mission



Players of the Stage presents The Prince and the Pauper, a benefit show for the Allentown Rescue Mission. Get your tickets today!

Performances will be held on December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 at 7 p.m. and December 6 and 13 at 2 p.m. at Living Hope OPC, 330 Schantz Road, Allentown, PA (Wescoville).

Tickets are free, but *reservations are required.*

To reserve tickets, call (610) 310-7604 or e-mail [potstickets@gmail.com](mailto:potstickets@gmail.com).

In lieu of a ticket price, an offering will be taken. All money collected at the performances will go to support the Allentown Rescue Mission.

For more information, visit [www.playersofthestage.org](http://www.playersofthestage.org).



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# National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

Far too many of our neighbors live in poverty. Some have trouble "making ends meet." Others "do without" to pay rent or utility bills or buy medicine. Many are homeless, fighting for survival each and every day.

You may not see these neighbors every day, but they are here, and the Allentown Rescue Mission is working hard to help them.

We are grateful that you work with us to end hunger and homelessness year round! So Nov. 15-23 is a great time to encourage

others – friends, family and coworkers – to join you, and help fix the problems that cause hunger and homelessness by volunteering, organizing a clothing or food drive, or making a special donation to the Mission.

If you're on Facebook or Twitter, please, urge friends to help. You can even give them our website address, [www.AllentownRescueMission.org](http://www.AllentownRescueMission.org), as a place to get more information. THANKS!



## Food Drive – Nov. 21-22

We invite you to help the Allentown Rescue Mission stock the pantry before the cold of winter fills our beds. There are several ways you can help feed hungry homeless men during our annual food and supply drive this November:

1. Look for collection bins in the lobbies of our bank partners all month:
  - \*Embassy Bank
  - \*People's First Credit Union
  - \*National Penn Bank
2. Buy a few extra items while you shop at your favorite Giant Food Store or Walmart on Friday,



November 21 from 4-7 p.m. or Saturday the 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3. Get a volunteer group together and sign up to collect the donations at one of our store sites on November 21 or 22.

Please visit the Events page on our website for more information at [www.AllentownRescueMission.org](http://www.AllentownRescueMission.org).

## Shelter Night Update:

This past July, we provided 1,051 nights of shelter, which was 592 more nights than July 2013!

\* A night of shelter is defined as the number of beds slept in during the month

## Breakfast, Lunch or Thanksgiving Dinner – Still Just \$1.97!

Some of us still remember when a soda was 5¢. Or a time when you could get a burger for a quarter. These days, a plain cup of coffee can set you back \$2 or more!

But here at the Allentown Rescue Mission, you can still provide a hot, wholesome, home-cooked meal for \$1.97.

We'll be serving a lot of those great meals this Thanksgiving season, including nearly 50 festive Thanksgiving Dinners with turkey and all the trimmings!

Your generous \$1.97 gift can provide a meal that's a turning point in the life of a person who's lost all hope, along



with the care and counseling that helps end homelessness and addiction.

If you think that's amazing, imagine what a gift of \$25 or \$50 or even \$100 can do!

Please share your blessings by making a special gift today to feed and begin to change the lives of as many people as possible. Use the enclosed envelope, or make a safe, secure donation on our website at [www.AllentownRescueMission.org](http://www.AllentownRescueMission.org). THANK YOU!